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The Finnish shipyard Wartsila will build five tankers for a Greek shipowner and has negotiated on another order with another Greek shipowner, it was announced here yesterday.

The company announced that Greek shipowner Michail Karageorgis has placed an order of five 31,800-ton tankers which will be built in Turku, South Western Finland.

The ships will be delivered in 1976.

Worth of the deal is over £30 million.

The Wartsila spokesman told also that the shipyard has negotiated with shipowner Onassis on an order to build five 100,000 – 150,000 ton tankers.

No contract has, however, been signed yet.

Meanwhile it was reported that Greece is interested in buying dead red pines from Finland.

These dried-up trees have been much-sought-after in the furniture industry and in building of Finnish Saunas.

A contract has been signed to sell 20,000 dead pine stocks to Greece.

The Finnish conservation circle had earlier expressed their anxiety about the increasing cutting of this rare tree which can be found in limited numbers in the wilderness of Northern Finland. – AFP.

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